

March 29, 2005

Ms. Cynthia Spencer-Ayres
California Department of Mental Health
1600 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

And Affected State Agencies and Interested Parties (See Enclosed Mailing List)

Re: **Request for Extension of Time**
Reconsideration of *Handicapped and Disabled Students*, 04-RL-4282-10

On March 25, 2005, you requested an extension of time for the Department of Mental Health to file written comments on the draft staff analysis in the above-named matter. The Department's request is denied.

The draft staff analysis was issued and posted to the Commission's website on January 20, 2005. Pursuant to the notice of reconsideration issued on November 20, 2004, the written comments on the draft staff analysis were due on or before February 20, 2005. Thus, the Department's request is untimely since the time to file comments on the draft staff analysis has expired. No further extensions of time to file comments on this matter will be granted.

By April 1, 2005, parties and interested parties, including the Department of Mental Health, may file rebuttal comments to the comments filed in February. Written comments filed to date are posted on the Commission's website. The Commission will hear this matter on May 26, 2005.

Please contact Camille Shelton at (916) 323-3562 with questions.

Sincerely,

PAULA HIGASHI
Executive Director

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